

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

[1] (Previously Amended)                      A steam cooker comprising:

        a cooking chamber in which foods are put;

        an external circulation path for blowing gas sucked from the cooking chamber via a

                suction port into the cooking chamber via a blowhole so that the gas strikes the foods

                in the cooking chamber;

        a blower for generating gas current traveling from the suction port to the blowhole in the

                external circulation path; and

        a steam generator for supplying steam to the gas passing through the external circulation

                path, wherein

        the external circulation path is provided with a steam ejector in a position downstream of

the blower for sucking steam generated by the steam generator.

[2] (Original)                      The steam cooker according to claim 1, wherein

        the external circulation path is provided with a bypass for the gas to bypass the steam

                ejector.

[3] (Currently amended)                      The steam cooker according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2,

        wherein

        the external circulation path is constructed using a pipe with circular cross section.

[4] (Currently amended)                      The steam cooker according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2,

        wherein

the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

[5] (Original)                      The steam cooker according to claim 4, wherein  
a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.

[6] (Original)                      The steam cooker according to claim 3, wherein  
the blower includes a centrifugal fan.

[7] (Original)                      The steam cooker according to claim 6, wherein  
a motor for driving the centrifugal fan is a direct current motor.